

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A container for items, comprising:
  - a) a receptacle ~~adapted to be received~~ for receiving in a motor vehicle drink holder, the receptacle comprising:
    - i) a closed bottom,
    - ii) a top with an opening, and
    - iii) a sidewall that connects the bottom and the top; and
  - b) means ~~[[at]]~~ contacting the bottom of the receptacle for supporting a plant stem inserted into the receptacle.
2. (original) The container of claim 1 wherein the supporting means is a set of prongs.
3. (original) The container of claim 1 wherein the supporting means is a frog.
4. (original) The container of claim 1, further comprising a ring positioned in the receptacle.
5. (original) The container of claim 4 wherein the ring is detachable.
6. (currently amended) The container of claim 5 wherein the detachable ring is a detachable ~~grooved~~ ring having a groove.
7. (original) The container of claim 1, the container configured to stand on its own independent of the drink holder.
8. (currently amended) A container for items, comprising:
  - a) a cup-shaped receptacle ~~adapted to be received~~ for receiving in a motor vehicle drink

holder, the receptacle comprising:

- i) a closed bottom,
  - ii) a top with an opening, and
  - iii) a sidewall that converges from the top to the bottom;
- b) a detachable ring positioned in the receptacle; and
- c) a set of prongs ~~in~~ contacting the bottom of the receptacle, for supporting a plant stem.
9. (currently amended) The container of claim 8 wherein the bottom and top are generally circular and the ring is a detachable ~~grooved~~ ring having a groove.
10. (currently amended) A method of displaying a part of a plant, comprising the steps of, in either order:
- a) inserting the plant part into a container and supporting the plant part with one or more prongs ~~at~~ contacting the bottom of the container, the container ~~adapted to be received for~~ receiving in a motor vehicle drink holder; and
  - b) placing the container into the drink holder.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising after steps a) and b), the step of removing the container with the plant part from the drink holder to display the plant part outside the motor vehicle.
12. (currently amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the supporting means is permanently connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.
13. (currently amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the supporting means is removably connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.
14. (currently amended) The container of claim 2, wherein the set of prongs is permanently connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.
15. (currently amended) The container of claim 2, wherein the set of prongs is removably connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.
16. (currently amended) The container of claim 3, wherein the frog is permanently connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.
17. (currently amended) The container of claim 3, wherein the frog is removably connected ~~[[at]]~~ to the bottom of the receptacle.

18. (previously presented) The container of claim 6, wherein the groove extends completely around the ring.
19. (previously presented) The container of claim 6, wherein the groove extends partially around the ring.
20. (previously presented) The container of claim 6, wherein the groove is discontinuous, having two or more channel elements.
21. (previously presented) The container of claim 6, wherein the groove contains an air freshener or a deodorizer.
22. (previously presented) The container of claim 8, wherein the set of prongs is permanently connected to the bottom of the receptacle.
23. (previously presented) The container of claim 8, wherein the set of prongs is removably connected to the bottom of the receptacle
24. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the groove extends completely around the ring.
25. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the groove extends partially around the ring.
26. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the groove is discontinuous, having two or more channel elements.
27. (previously presented) The container of claim 9, wherein the groove contains an air freshener or a deodorizer.